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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

WELCH et al.

U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/US99/14439

Filed: June 29, 1999

For: PLEATED FILTER AND A METHOD

FOR MAKING THE SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of, and the calculation of the filing fee for, the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 13. (Amended), line 1, change "or apparatus or any of claims 7-12" to --of claim 7--.

Claim 14. (Amended), line 1, change ", method or apparatus of any of the preceding claims" to --of claim 1--.

Claim 15. (Amended), line 1, change ", method or apparatus of any of the preceding claims" to --of claim 1--.